

Thursday
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Dear Garrison

I think, with
you, that the news
of our dear friend's
death is nothing
sad - we may
be glad at his

release - Those rare
gifts have been so
long chained and
fettered by bodily
weakness that he
must have welcomed
his freedom -

I agree with
you also that the

friends here should
offer in some way
testimony of their
gratitude for his
generous aid & of
cordial appreciation
of those great &
masterly gifts -

you knew him
more intimately & longer
than any one living here -

swords from you would be
more valued by his family
than those of any other
American friend - Would
it not be better to draw
it in form of a minute
or brief, than in shape of
resolutions?

Aunt S^t should
be glad to sign anything
you drew up: I think
as many of the old friends
as possible should have
a chance to sign it -

Mr. Mott & Davis & Mary
Grew, Sarah Pagh, &c.; Purvis
now in Washington; Stephen &
Abby Foster; May of course
Sewall & Welds; L. M. Child, Mrs
G. A. Russell; Jas Jackson; some of
Southwick's family; Chase, Weston

& many others whom
your more careful memory
will readily recall -

I think promptness
is valuable; but any
delay needed to secure
representative names
would be judicious -

- We are glad to hear
that your N.Y. visit
helped you - it has been
a peculiar summer - we
enjoyed Auburn Lake,
but Ann came home
more tired out even

than she went there;
I tho able to drive, an
hour or so, frequently
the air did not help that
father of the by Stein -
the stomach - I am
as usual, well but not longer
forty years old -

With kindest
regards - thanks for
your sending me that
S.C. gentleman (Thomer)
whose sad, but no doubt

accurate, picture of
his state makes me
trebly indignant with
this trifling away of
the greatest opportunities
by our so called
leaders & statesmen.

Again Good bye

Wm B. Murphy

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